June 4, 1993

Dear Member of INFO,

A few weeks ago you received a flyer from six members of the INFO Board of Directors protesting the method by which Jim Pontolillo's excellent study of UFO abductions, *Demons, Doctors, and Aliens*, was published as INFO's Occasional Paper #2. There have been further developments which we feel you should know about; after all, INFO is a membership organization and you deserve an explanation.

On May 15, the INFO Board met to resolve problems arising from the publication of Occasional Paper #2 and the flyer that you received. The differences in opinions and perceptions were quite frankly beyond resolution, and Ray Manners (INFO President and Editor-in-Chief of *The INFO Journal*), Jim Theisen (INFO Vice President and Production Editor of *The INFO Journal*), and Jim Pontolillo (author of Occasional Paper #2, book review editor of *The INFO Journal*, and member of the Board of Directors) submitted their resignations, effective immediately. The Board then elected Richard Leshuk, long-time member of the INFO Board, as President Pro-Tem until the Board elects a new President and Vice President and fills several other key positions.

Ray has guided INFO for nearly fifteen years, and his diligence in spending several hours *every night* answering INFO mail (often with Jim Pontolillo's invaluable help) and making INFO run smoothly was matched only by his encyclopedic knowledge and his near-psychic ability to detect errors before the *Journal* went to the printer. Jim Pontolillo, despite his relatively short time with INFO (he joined the Board in 1990), lost no time in establishing himself as a Fortean researcher and writer of international importance, and his editorial skills have made *The INFO Journal* virtually error-free. Jim Theisen took *The INFO Journal* from a Radio Shack TRS-80 on Ray's dining room table to a sophisticated Macintosh computer with PageMaker and other programs and gave the *Journal* its professionalism, personality, and constantly-improving appearance. In spite of spending well over a hundred and fifty hours on each issue keyboarding, designing, editing, condensing and rewriting clips, drawing maps, arranging for other graphics, composing "On the Inside" and making sure that all 40 pages plus cover were brim-full of interesting Forteana, he also found time to contribute a large number of important articles and book reviews.

We do not believe it is inappropriate to suggest that you will miss us almost as much as we will miss you. We have enjoyed helping to make INFO a splendid, valuable, and interesting organization, we have enjoyed meeting you at our local and yearly get-togethers, we have enjoyed reading, publishing, and responding to your letters, and we have enjoyed working with you in pursuit of things Fortean.

INFO's new leadership is, frankly, going to be hard-pressed to find the dedication, talent, and willingness to spend the horrendous hours to maintain INFO and its publications at the level you have come to expect, much less improve them. We wish them well, for they have embarked on a formidable journey.

By the way, those of you who have not yet ordered the now-famous Occasional Paper #2 may still do so. Ray, Jim, and Jim will be happy to send you a copy for the INFO member price of **$8.00**. Send a check or money order made out to INFO to the following address:

Raymond D. Manners
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For you, INFO's most excellent and devoted membership, we just wanted to say an "official" good-bye. We will meet you again, perhaps, along one of the many trails that Charlie Fort blazed for us. Keep the faith!

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Date: MAR 15

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__✓__ Your check/~~M.O./cash~~ for $ 15 has been received.

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If you have any problems with your membership or order please write, we are here to help. Many thanks.

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Our educational nonprofit corporation is run entirely by a small, dedicated staff of all-volunteer experts in the field of unexplained phenomena. Totally dependent upon YOUR support, INFO spends ALL of its membership funds on printing, postage, office supplies, and membership development.

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We hope you'll decide to renew. The basic rate of $15 for four issues is 25% off the newstand cover price!

We appreciate your continued support.

Best regards,
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SCIENCE AND THE UNKNOWN

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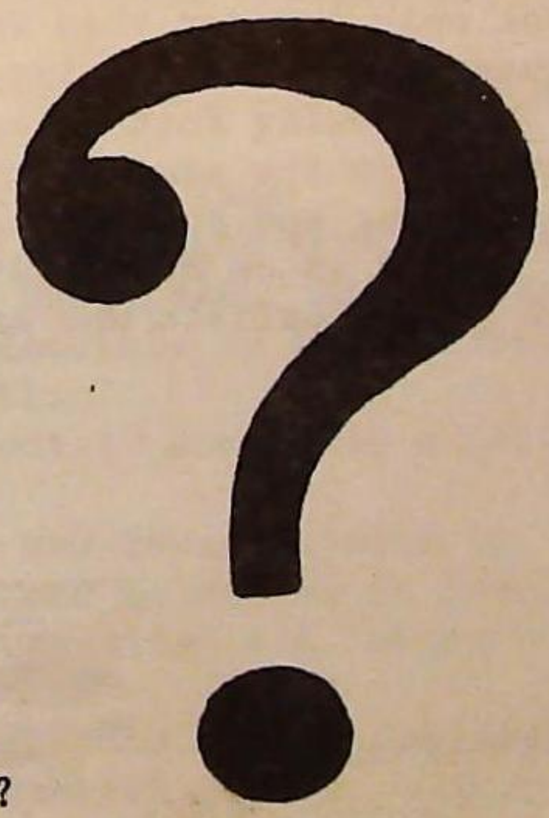

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What will the science of the future consider to be relevant? We doubt that anyone should be too confident or self-assertive about this question. Accordingly, we are ready to speculate on an endless variety of "cryptoscientific" subjects. (Crypto -- hidden -- referring to the growing fringe of knowledge: that which is not yet assimilated into any coherent pattern.)

Has this planet been visited by intelligent life-forms from elsewhere? When animate matter falls from the sky, how did it get up there? What causes the anomalous darknesses that have often blotted out the noonday sun over entire countries, when no volcano or huge forest fire was available for "explanation"?

INFO has no ready-made opinions. We search, study, and report on what we have found, giving the best available documentation that we can. The reader is free to draw his or her own conclusions, if desired -- we conceive that the most important function of science lies not in drawing conclusions, but in asking questions; the answers are always secondary, and will always be replaced by other answers. We agree with the philosopher of science, Karl Popper, that "...every scientific statement must remain tentative for ever. It may indeed be corroborated, but every corroboration is relative to other statements which, again, are tentative.

..."The wrong view of science betrays itself in the craving to be right; for it is not his possession of knowledge, or irrefutable truth, that makes the man of science, but his persistent and recklessly critical quest for truth."

Where we differ from the "Establishment syndrome," which erects facades, orthodoxies, systems, and cheap hypotheses, is that we accept flux, and tend to be always suspicious of hardened points of view.

The Umfuli sea-serpent, 1893, after Captain Cringle

The following represent a few of the subjects on which INFO has and will publish articles and miscellaneous data:

*** Sea serpents, lake monsters, and other unknown aquatic animals
UFOs and unidentified aerial phenomena
*** The Voynich Manuscript -- a red herring for cryptographers
Cities under the sea, "Atlantis" and sunken continents
*** The "Barisal Guns" and unusual noises
Unrecognized civilizations of ancient America
Unusual darknesses during the day (and brightnesses at night)
*** Falls of artificial objects from the sky
Unexplained disappearances of ships and crews, including the Bermuda Triangle and similar areas
*** Pre-Columbian contacts between the Americas, Europe, and Asia
"Ghost lights," ball lightning, etc.
*** "Monsters," Bigfoot, Abominable Snowpeople, littlefoot, etc.
Ice meteorites
*** Early man in America -- how long ago?
Possible correlations between earthquakes, aerial phenomena, geomagnetics, and animal perception
*** Scientific hoaxes
Man and the elephant in America
*** "Wild men," "wolf children," Kaspar Hauser, "satyr mummies," etc.
Astroblemes and their significance in earth's history
*** Spontaneous combustion in living humans
The carbonaceous meteorites -- evidences of extraterrestrial life?
*** People who appear and vanish without apparent explanation
The frozen mammoths, and mass graveyards of dinosaurs and mammals
*** "Phantom assassins"
Archaeological evidences of "spacemen" -- more than just wishful thinking?
*** Hauntings: facts, fables, and questions
Has the length of the year changed much in recorded history?
*** Is the human "aura" becoming acceptable to science?
Animals out of place and time
*** Is there data that might make "higher space," "parallel universes," and "alternate realities" plausible in fact as well as in science fiction?
"The Devil's Hoofmarks" and other strange tracks
*** Cosmology and new-found objects in space; dust, gas, and molecules in "empty" space -- does nature after all "abhor a vacuum"?
"Scientism"; the science of Big Business; fake scientific research

*** The resurgence of catastrophism
Ancient technology, e.g., electrical apparatus 4,000 years old?
*** "Consciousness" in plants, eggs, yogurt, and who knows what?
Poltergeist phenomena
*** Bog butter, odd mummies, and other organic preservations
Yoga -- Western science starts taking it seriously
*** Is Darwin in trouble? -- questions on evolution and the origins of life
Parapsychology research: breakthroughs, boondoggles, or what?
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***Towards the creation of a phenomenological science

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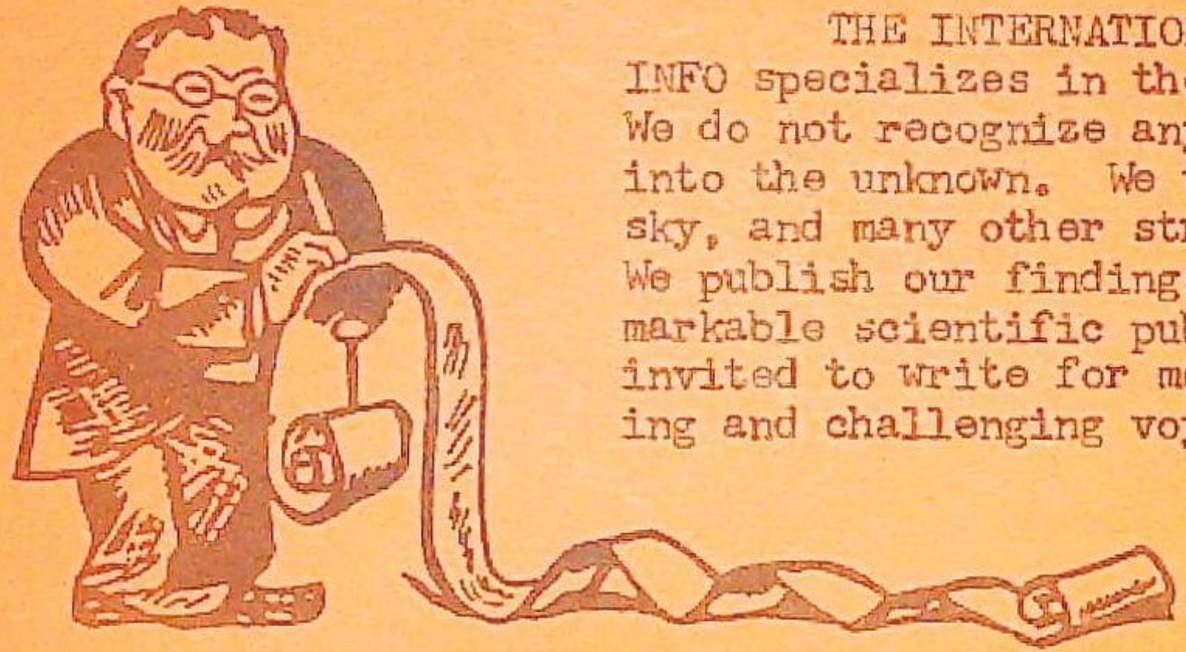

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INFO specializes in the investigation of the borderlands of science. We do not recognize any limitations on the human mind in its probing into the unknown. We take sea monsters, UFOs, falls of blood from the sky, and many other strange phenomena and consider them open-mindedly. We publish our findings in the INFO Journal--surely one of the most remarkable scientific publications that exists. Adventurous spirits are invited to write for more information and to participate in our exciting and challenging voyages into the mysteries of the universe.

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Roy Rogers, open Sundays.

Hot Shoppes, open Sundays.

Adriaticos Italian, closed Sundays.

Wisconsin Restaurant, closed Sundays.

Starvin' Steves (pizza, subs, ice cream), open Sundays.

Serbian Crown, open Sundays 5-10.

Waffle Shop, open Sundays.

Dancing Crab, open Sundays.

Calcutta Restaurant, open Sundays

Mario's Pizza Carry Out, open Sundays.

Shanghai Delite, Mandarin food, open Sundays.

Steak'n Egg Kitchen, open Sundays.

Mikado Restaurant, open Sundays 3-10.

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MASSAGE: The Cat's Pyjamas, near the Dancing Crab, on Wisconsin Avenue.

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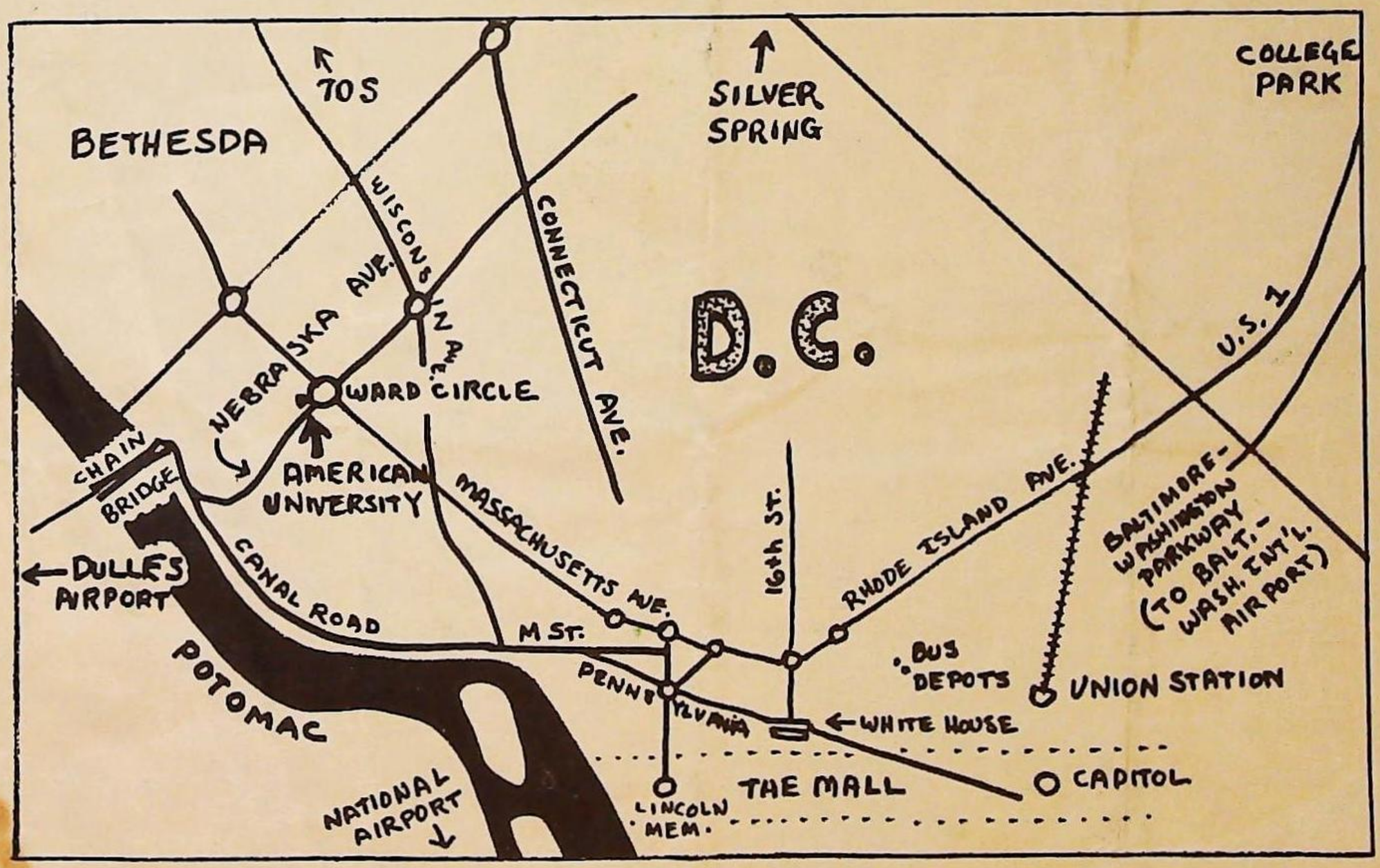

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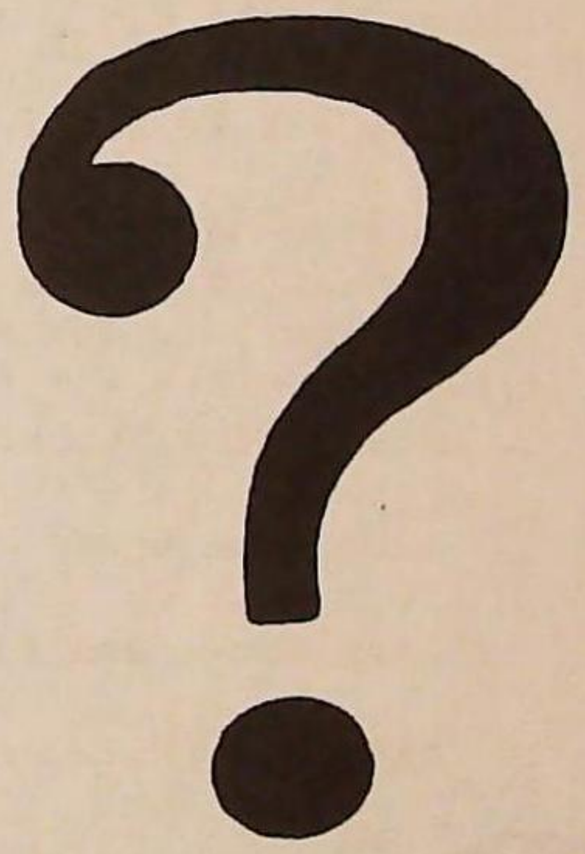

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Dear Friend of INFO:

The last eighteen months have seen some major changes in INFO. This is particularly true for those of us in the Washington area. This letter is intended to bring the metropolitan area people up to date on the organization activity and to solicit ideas for future efforts.

The total burden of managing INFO fell upon Paul Willis when Ron Willis passed away in the Spring of 1975. Paul virtually single handedly, kept the Journal alive and coordinated the Chicago FORTFEST. Paul organized a Board of Directors in late 1975 in an attempt to bring added resources to the task of running INFO.

In February of this year, the Board initiated a series of significant actions to stabilize the faltering organization. The objective is to get the administrative aspects running smoothly so that we can concentrate on our Fortean interests.

INFO assumed the responsibility for clearing up the unfinished business of the NEW DIMENSIONS Book Sales operations. The IRS was approached for a 501-C tax exempt status for INFO. Third Class mailing privileges were negotiated resulting in a dramatic cut in INFO's postal bill. The Journal was put on a firm, six times per year, publication schedule. A five-year membership development program has been undertaken including displays at public events and a modest amount of media advertising. A speakers' bureau has been established to get INFO into public view.

FORTFEST 1976 is planned for August 6-7-8, here in the Washington area, at the Hospitality House, Arlington.

As we move into the second half of 1976, we'd like to ask for your ideas in building a bigger and better INFO. Would you please take a few minutes to complete and return the enclosed questionaire?

Sincerely,

Richard Lachkie

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science AND THE unknown

"A procession of the damned.

By the damned, I mean the excluded.

We shall have a procession of data that Science has excluded."

"A procession of the damned" ...

Thus began Charles Fort's "terrible onslaught on the accumulated lunacy of fifty centuries," as Ben Hecht was to call it.

"...data that Science has excluded."

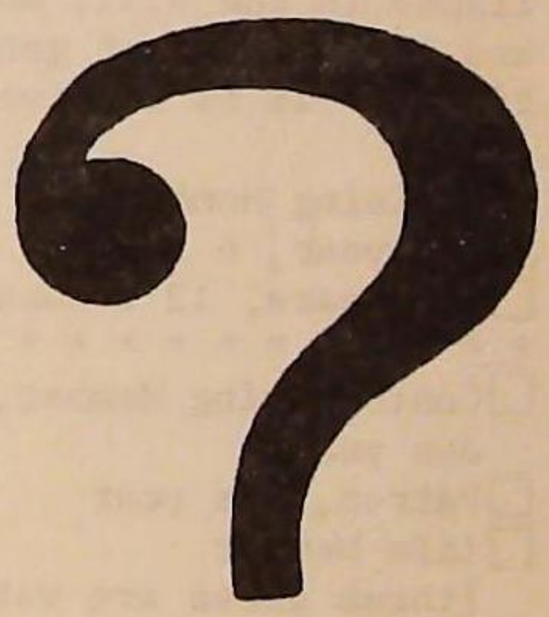
Once upon a time, the experts told us that stones cannot possibly fall from the sky. Today we have a whole science devoted to the study of such non-existent objects; all major museums in the world have collections of these impossible stones.

They're called meteorites.

Once also the experts simply ignored all observations of gaseous eruptions on the moon. Charles Fort collected such observations and began publishing his collected data -- from professional astronomers mind you -- in 1919. Some fifty years later NASA caught up with him and published a listing of these observations dating back to the 16th cent.

Fort was the first to direct attention to the UFO problem, again in 1919, decades before anyone else. (Even the anti-UFO Condon Report refers to Fort as a "genius"!)

The roll call of once unacceptable data could be expanded to great length, but most "Fortean phenomena" remain as challenging and as damned as ever.



How expert are the experts when dealing with the unknown? Especially when we ask "what is known?" and when we consider that for every expert there is an equal and opposite expert?

How do we draw lines between the known and the unknown?

Proposition: that there is something that can be called the Establishment, the System, the Way Things Are. It is the City Hall that one supposedly can't fight. And that this exists not only in socio-economics, in organized religion, in the means and mores that control our lives from cradle to grave, but also and in particular in science, in what is by its own vociferous claimancy the ultimate liberator of the human mind -- the calm, cool voice of reason and harmonious understanding.

Is it? Are scientists, the card-carrying members of this trade union of enlightenment, any more above the common quirks of humanity than you or I?

Is it conceivable that, to quote the Belgian zoologist, Bernard Heuvelmans, "not all scientists are scientifically minded"?

We think that it is conceivable; more so, that it is continually demonstrated. That while the quest for the new and unknown is the only sane goal of scientific ex-

ploration, those who are officially accredited scientists are no less prone to be mentally lazy supporters of the status quo than anyone else. Many scientists are not scientists at all, merely bureaucrats, nine to five minions of scientism -- that which mimics science.

Charles Fort (1874-1932) spent many years gathering and publishing data excluded by bureaucratic science. His work, in four books, is a vast study in concrete examples of J. B. S. Haldane's famous epigram: "The universe is not only queerer than we imagine, it is queerer than we can imagine."

Following Fort's lead, INFO is an organization of skeptics; of individualists who are never afraid to vent a loud Bronx cheer in the direction of any pompous certitude, no matter where its point of origin. We also think that critical awareness should begin at home; that the ability to laugh at one's self is the first step in mental health. We agree with the philosopher of science, Karl Popper, that "The wrong view of science betrays itself in the craving to be right; for it is not his possession of knowledge, or irrefutable truth, that makes the man of science, but his persistent and recklessly critical quest for truth."

INFO is no johnny-come-lately on the scene, but is the successor (beginning in 1965) to the original Fortean Society, founded in 1931. Membership in INFO is open to anyone anywhere. We publish magazines in the U.S. and England, as well as a series of occasional papers.

INFO does not espouse any given response to the expressions of Charles Fort, or to those of any other thinkers or ways of thought. Our goal is to support an attitude both open-minded and critical -- and with a healthy sense of humor. We feel that it is the pre-eminent domain of the individual mind to choose its own guides, directions of growth, and its own adherencies and adversions.

Again from Fort:

"As to our interpretations, I consider them, myself, more as suggestions and groping and stimuli. Islands of space and oceans of extra-geography -- Stay and let salvation damn you -- or straddle an auroral beam and paddle from Rigel to Betelgeuse."

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KANSAS FORTEANS

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SOURCES

A Fortean research effort using computerized punch cards is headed by Wendell W. Bachman, Jr., science teacher at South Kortright Central School, N.Y. Over 240 data cards have been completed on UFOs, ESP, vanishing people, etc., with a goal of about 2,000 in the near future. The Mystifax Research Bureau also publishes a 12-page bimonthly newsletter. (Box 30, Oneonta, NY 13820).

The Journal of Meteorology (Artetech, Cockhill House, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 9BG, England) is a naturalistic, semi-technical monthly of special interest to Forteans probing the many weather-related and atmospheric phenomena. The March 1977 issue ($2.00) includes reports on ice falls, St. Elmo's fire, odd lightning, huge hailstones, and an instance of sudden unexplained drop of atmospheric pressure. Subscription $16.00 for surface mail; $24 air mail.

Members pursuing catastrophism will be interested in Lynn Arthur Steen's article "Catastrophe Theory: The First Decade" in Science News (April 2, 1977). The theory is a model for explaining how discontinuities can arise from continuously changing causes, here applied to biological and social phenomena and accidents.

A 1977 Guide to Occult Periodicals with over 300 listings (including UFOs, parapsychology, psychic phenomena, Fortean, spiritualism, astrology, etc.) is now available. ($2.50 post paid from Inner-Space Interpreters Services, P.O. Box 1133, Magnolia Park Station, Burbank, CA 91507).

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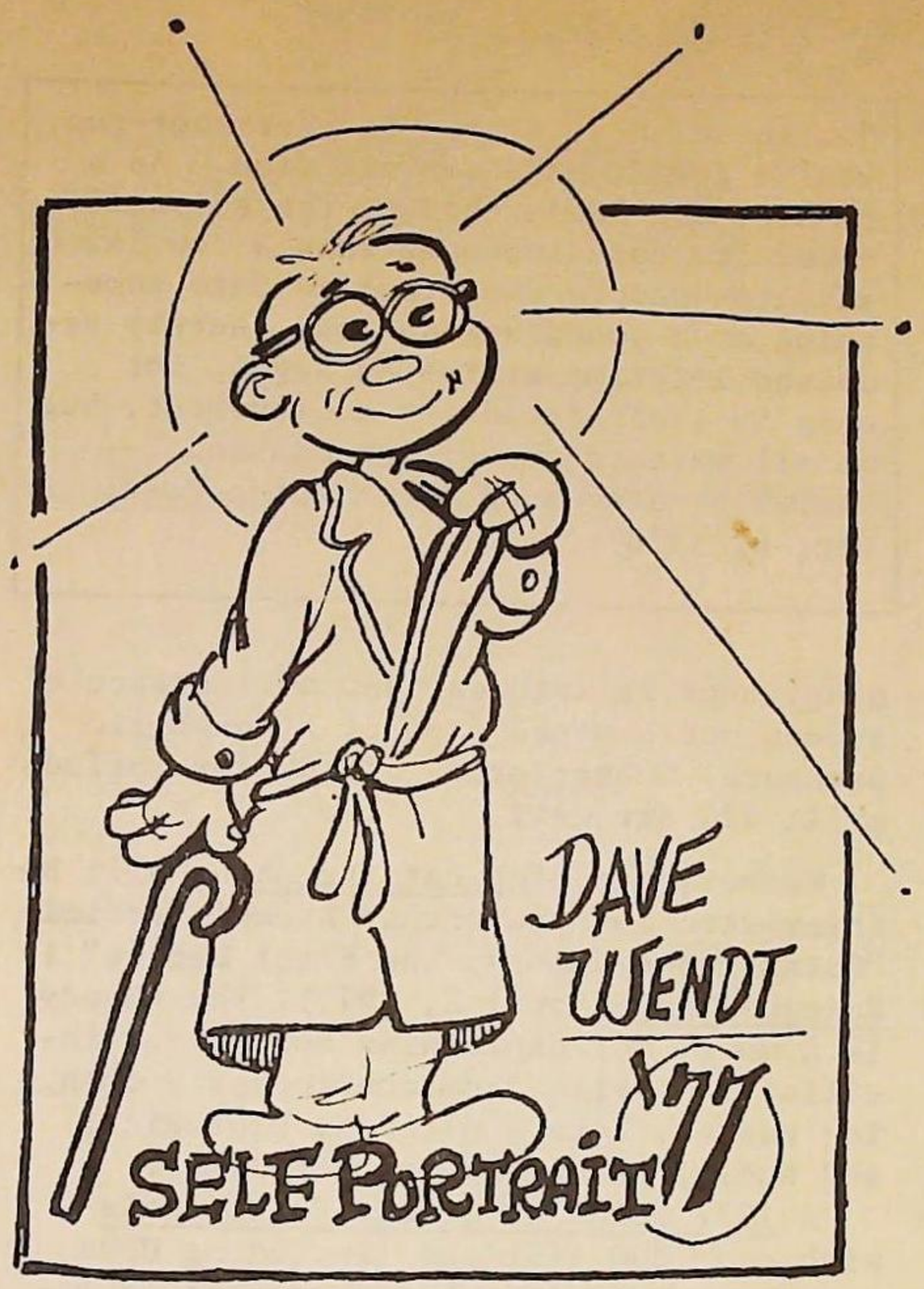
Change of plans: Members who wish to be involved in the U.S. "Pyramid Postal Folio," reported in the last issue of INFO Newsletter, should write to: Robert J. Schadewald, Box 129, Route 1, Rogers, MN 55374. (Stuart Greenwood has not deserted us; he has become busy with professional responsibilities.) Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and Bob will send you the ground rules.

Members are invited to contribute items for the Sources column. This information sharing will be a service to everyone. Any references to Fortean data or related information—books, book chapters, articles, monographs, periodicals, films, etc.—are welcome. Be sure to include full names, dates, addresses and other identification of the source.



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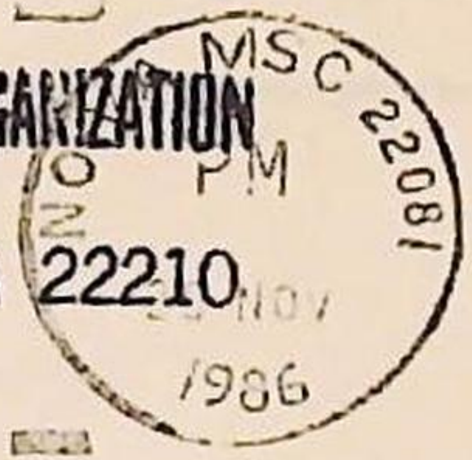

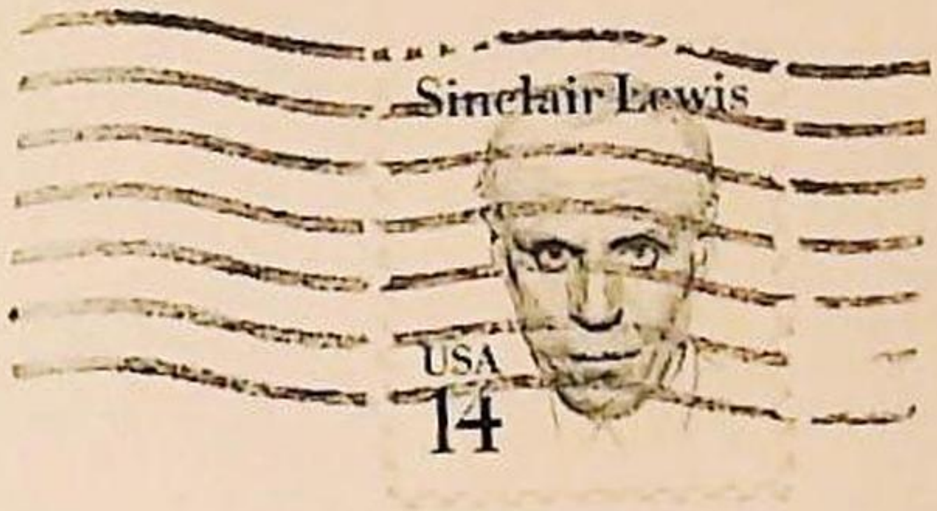

Gary Mangiacopra

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March 26, 1986

Dear INFO member,

The first meeting of the New England chapter of INFO was held in Northwood on February 16. Although the turnout wasn't quite as large as we had hoped, those present enjoyed an afternoon of stimulating Fortean conversation, made some new friends, and laid the groundwork for future meetings.

The need for increased participation was discussed at length. It was agreed that our biggest problem is distance; with members scattered throughout New England, any meeting is bound to be inconvenient for some. While there isn't any easy remedy, we came up with several ideas which, taken together, should help things out.

Bob Pollack, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, feels that we should plan small, local meetings on a rotation basis, effectively setting up regional sub-chapters. Bob graciously offered to act as host in St. Johnsbury, should other northern New England members be interested. We badly need someone in either the Boston or southern New England area to do likewise- any volunteers?

A second option discussed would be a Fortean "outing" at some interesting site- New Hampshire's Mystery Hill, for example. It would definitely be a summertime event, perhaps an overnight one, if accomodations could be arranged. If not, we could still plan a day's exploration of the chosen locale, talks by knowledgeable members, and maybe a Fortean picnic (Fortnic?) by way of starting a tradition.

Finally, Al Lopez, of Bingham, Maine, made a very useful suggestion, pertinent to any scheme we adopt. Al proposed that we send out a list of members' names and addresses, in order to facilitate individuals contacting one another, arranging car-pools, local meetings, etc. It's a great idea, but since some members might prefer privacy, I think it only fair to do it on a voluntary basis. So, if you would like your address circulated in the next of these mailings (which go out to about thirty people), please send me a card giving permission. If I don't hear from you, I will assume you don't care to be listed- which is no problem.

That's about all for now. Other possibilities were discussed, but the above seem to be the most promising in the short run. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please pass them on; the success of our chapter depends on all of us. Your responses will determine where we go from here, but very tentatively, let's plan on a meeting (or meetings) sometime this coming summer.

Best wishes, and thanks.

Yours truly,

Ken Moak

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* Mutual UFO Network, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155 (publisher of MUFON UFO Journal and annual symposium proceedings)

* Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), P.O. Box 218, Coventry, CT 06238 (publisher of Just Cause and CAUS Bulletin)

* UFO Newsclipping Service, Rt. 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AR 72127

* Arcturus Book Service, P.O. Box 831383, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (specializing in UFO books, magazines and memorabilia)

The following books offer worthwhile appraisals of the UFO question:

Fawcett, Larry & Greenwood, Barry. Clear Intent (N.J.: Prentice-Hall), 1984

Good, Timothy. Above Top Secret (N.Y.: William Morrow), 1988

Fowler, Raymond E. Casebook of a UFO Investigator (N.J.: Prentice-Hall), 1981

Haines, Richard F. The Melbourne Episode: Case Study of a Missing Pilot (Los Altos, Ca; L.D.A. Press), 1987

Hall, Richard. Univited Guests: A Documented History of UFO Sightings, Alien Encounters and Coverups (New Mexico: Aurora Press), 1988

Hopkins, Budd. Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods (N.Y.: Random House), 1987

Randles, Jenny. The UFO Conspiracy (Poole, UK: Blandford Press), 1987

Story, Ronald D. UFOs and the Limits of Science (N.Y.: William Morrow), 1981

Smith, Marcia S. The UFO Enigma (Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service), 1976 (updated edition, 1983)

Strieber, Whitley. Communion (N.Y.: William Morrow), 1987

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October 6, 1989

The U. S. government's policy and practices of "UFO secrecy" have outlived whatever utility they may have had since their inception in 1947.

Realizing that the time is long overdue for a full accounting on what certain government agencies know (and when they knew it) about UFO reality, more and more citizens from all walks of life are calling for congressional action to resolve the issue.

Some UFO researchers have been urging that an appropriate congressional committee convene a series of public hearings, for which pertinent current and former government officials would be invited (and subpoenaed) to testify on, and present evidence of, their involvement in what's known as the "UFO coverup."

Much as the congressional inquiry into the Watergate scandal complemented a parallel investigation mounted by major news media, so, too, can the sought-for UFO hearings help an increasing number of news-media representatives zero in on this political secret called the "Cosmic Watergate."

In the process, the evidence gathered by independent UFO researchers during the past decade not only can speak for itself in a secure, probing public forum but also can serve as a beacon for attracting additional evidence.

What does the UFO-secrecy evidence reveal so far? In question-and-answer format, here is the emerging picture of official deception and manipulation -- a picture that Congress should find hard to ignore.

Q. Back in the sixties, at least two congressional hearings on the UFO problem were held. What was wrong with them?

A. They simply didn't go far enough. In such a forum, you have to ask the right questions of the right people. This means that certain current and former military intelligence personnel, aviation/flight operations specialists, and records administrators, for example, have to come forward with a tell-all mentality (and with appropriate protection from official retaliation). Also, had the congressmen back then had access to the Freedom-of-Information-Act-acquired material now on hand, they would have been in a better position to ask "the right questions."

Q. Well, how about that FOIA-acquired material. How important is it, and so what?

A. For one thing, it shows how seriously the Executive Branch of government has been taking the UFO problem, behind the scenes. It means that for more than 40 years the government has been trying to have it both ways on the issue of UFO reality: on the one hand, officials deny that UFO reports merit serious attention, while on the other hand they continue to collect and analyze hard-core UFO evidence from within government channels.

Q. What "government channels"?

A. From the military intelligence community, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Defense Attache system of the State Department. Thanks to FOIA action (including lawsuits), we've produced such revelations as --

-- Agencies withholding from public view certain UFO-related records: the Central Intelligence Agency admits to withholding at least 57 documents; the National Security Agency, at least 135; the Defense Intelligence Agency, at least six.

-- Official admission (via USAF Brig. Gen. Carroll H. Bolender's Oct. 20, 1969, memo) that the military's own reports of UFO encounters were to be excluded from processing through the USAF Project Blue Book.

-- Concern within the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the military has acquired (and concealed) certain UFO artifacts and UFO crew members (viz., as expressed in (1) an F.B.I. memo of July 10, 1947, in which Director J. Edgar Hoover notes: "for instance, in the La. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."; and (2) an F.B.I. memo of March 22, 1950, which recounts the crash-landing of three occupied "flying saucers" in the desert of New Mexico, as having been relayed to (or through) an Air Force investigator by someone who F.B.I. officials now admit was a "local law-enforcement officer"). NOTE: The officer's censored identity (and other withheld portions of the March 22, 1950, memo) became the object of a CAUS FOIA lawsuit in June 1988, which still is being litigated in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Q. So, what else does the F.B.I. have to do with UFO research?

A. Well, they consistently deny they have any jurisdictional role in investigating UFO encounters. Even so, they continue to collect -- and to maintain -- UFO-related records. One of those records pertains to at least one apparent case of UFO abduction back in 1967 -- a Virginia businessman's account of his "missing time" encounter with small humanoids. Then you have the various dossiers being maintained on UFO researchers. One of these pertains to the UFO-research activity and objectives of nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman. Since the dossier is being withheld in its entirety on the grounds of "national security," the Bureau is being asked to justify that censorship in a lawsuit filed on Aug. 28, 1989, by CAUS official Larry W. Bryant in U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Division).

Q. Isn't Friedman the principal investigator into the now-famous 1947 crashed-saucer case near Roswell, N.M.? And, incidentally, besides that incident, what more-recent case stands out as deserving specific congressional interest?

A. Friedman certainly has become the man-of-the-hour on Roswell, continuing to amass further first-hand testimony on the event (as shown, for example, in the NBC-televised "Unsolved Mysteries" segment Sept. 20, 1989). Perhaps the most promising prospect for congressional pay dirt lies in the case documented in the Mutual UFO Network's journal for January 1989. It pertains to a former USAF officer's participation in, and unwitting coverup of, the officially filmed, day-time intervention of a discoid UFO during a test-firing of an Atlas missile in September 1964 at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. The missile's dummy atomic warhead was seen to incur strikes from light rays emitted by the hovering UFO.

Q. Now, in this eternal UFO paper chase, what have you been doing to raise public awareness and to elicit more information from "people in the know"?

A. Since September 1984, one segment of the public -- the military community -- has been treated to a series of advertisements placed by Larry W. Bryant in various post/base weekly newspapers. The ads solicit UFO-coverup testimony and other evidence from prospective whistleblowers privy to inside information. After some of the ad submissions had been interfered with by military officials, Bryant filed suit in 1986 to prohibit any further rejections or censorship of the ads. In a "consent order," the government agreed to desist. At the same time, Bryant, a federal employee, filed suit to enjoin his employer from punishing him for his thus daring, as a private citizen, to question authority on matters unrelated to his official duty. That litigation led to a ruling in October 1988 by the U. S. Supreme Court that Bryant (and any other so-punished federal employee) has the right to seek judicial remedy for any such violation of his First Amendment rights.

Q. The U. S. Army has admitted that, back in the fifties, the Army counter-intelligence directorate at the Pentagon operated a UFO-related activity called Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit. Where are the records of that activity, and do they support (1) former CIA director Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter's published conclusion that "the UFOs are unknown objects operating under intelligent control"; (2) former Canadian official W. B. Smith's finding, in 1950, that "the matter /of flying saucers/ is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb"; and (3) former CIA official H. Marshall Chad-

A. Whew! Perhaps that question should be at the top of the list for the proposed congressional inquiry. So far, the Army has yet to provide any more information about the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit, despite requests to do so. Hillenkoetter's role in official UFO research remains a matter of conjecture (including the possibility of his having authored the controversial 1952 "briefing document" for President-elect Eisenhower -- a "leaked" paper detailing the findings of a supersecret group of scientists and military leaders overseen as "Majestic-Twelve" by the National Security Council). Besides the Roswell incident, the "briefing document" synopsizes another crashed-saucer case -- the one occurring near the Texas-Mexico border in early December 1950. Coincidentally, one of the FOIA-released documents of Dec. '50 from F.B.I. files notes: "This office very confidentially advised by Army Intelligence, Richmond, that they have been put on immediate high alert for any data whatsoever concerning flying saucers." It should be noted that in a secret December 1952 memo addressed to the CIA director, Chadwell observed: "At this time, the reports of incidents convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention... . Sightings of unexplained objects

well's assessment (in 1952) that "I consider this problem to be of such importance that it should be brought to the attention of the National Security Council in order that a community-wide coordinated effort toward its solution may be initiated"?

at great altitudes and travelling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U. S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." Like its domestic-oriented sister agency (the Federal Bureau of Investigation), the Central Intelligence Agency maintains records on UFO researchers. One of them, Richard H. Hall of Brentwood, Md., is expected to be the subject of an FOIA suit to compel the full disclosure of his CIA dossier.

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NOTE: Readers of this Q.-and-A. update are encouraged to provide copies of it to their elected representatives, to their local news-media contacts, and to members of the academic community -- many of whom may be ready and willing to join in the call for greater freedom of UFO information -- a call that can be answered, in part, by the proposed congressional inquiry.

Please send a copy of all your congressional and media responses to Larry W. Bryant at the CAUS Washington, D.C., office: 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302; telephone (703) 931-3341.

ROBERT H. BLETCHMAN
Coordinator for Public Affairs
Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS)

Northwood, NH 03261
June 30, 1986

Dear INFO member,

I should apologize for the delay in getting this letter out. It's been a hectic spring, and I have fallen behind, but the regional INFO chapter is alive and well. In fact, it looks as though this may be a very good year for Forteana.

In the last letter I invited members to send their addresses for publication, as a way to facilitate getting in touch with one another. Here are the first listings:

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George W. Early
9 Hiram Lane
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Stuart Woodland
4 Maple St.
Bath, Me. 04530 tel. 207-443-6576

The above will welcome communications from other members. Mr. Early in particular is interested in expanding contact between members of INFO and other Fortean groups, so if you have any thoughts on that subject, drop him a line. I'll list other names as they come in.

Regarding a regional INFO meeting, there is a good possibility that a group of the Washington area members will be taking a trip north later this summer, primarily to visit New Hampshire's Mystery Hill. If so, this would be a fine chance for all of us to get together. We would probably aim for a one-day outing, preferably on a weekend, including a tour of the site, discussions, a picnic, and plenty of opportunity to meet and talk with other Forteans. I haven't any definite information yet, but as soon as I do, I'll send out a notice, with directions to Mystery Hill and details of our plans.

Also, it's time to start thinking about the annual Fortfest in Washington. Last year's event was a great success, and this one promises to be even better. I would say there are few more enjoyable ways of spending an October weekend. If you are considering attending, particularly by car, please let me know; I can supply complete travel information, including directions for an easy side trip to Pennsylvania's Ringing Rocks.

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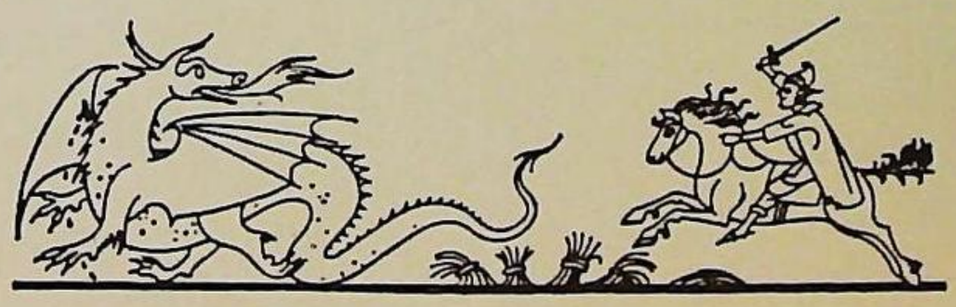

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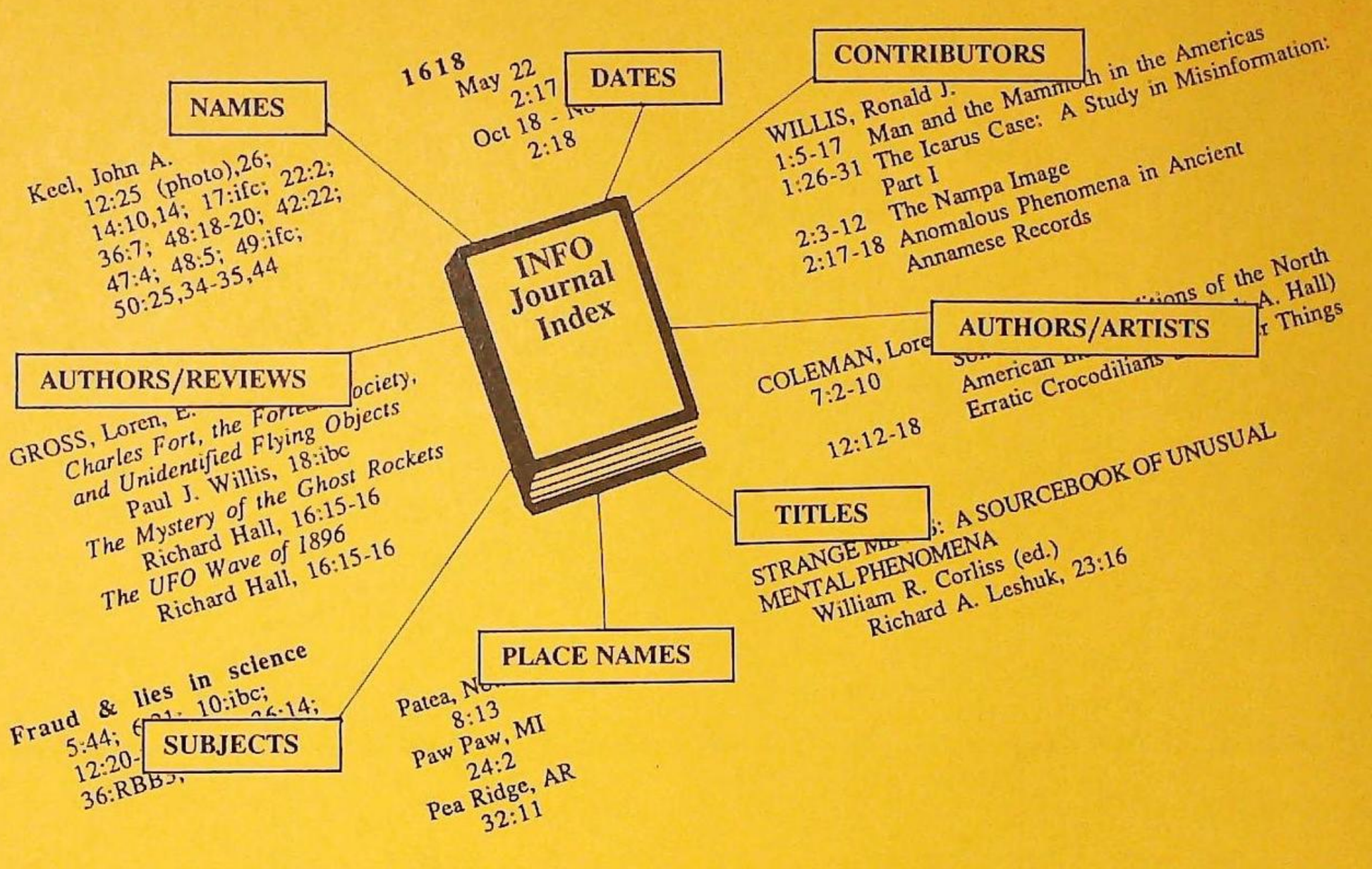

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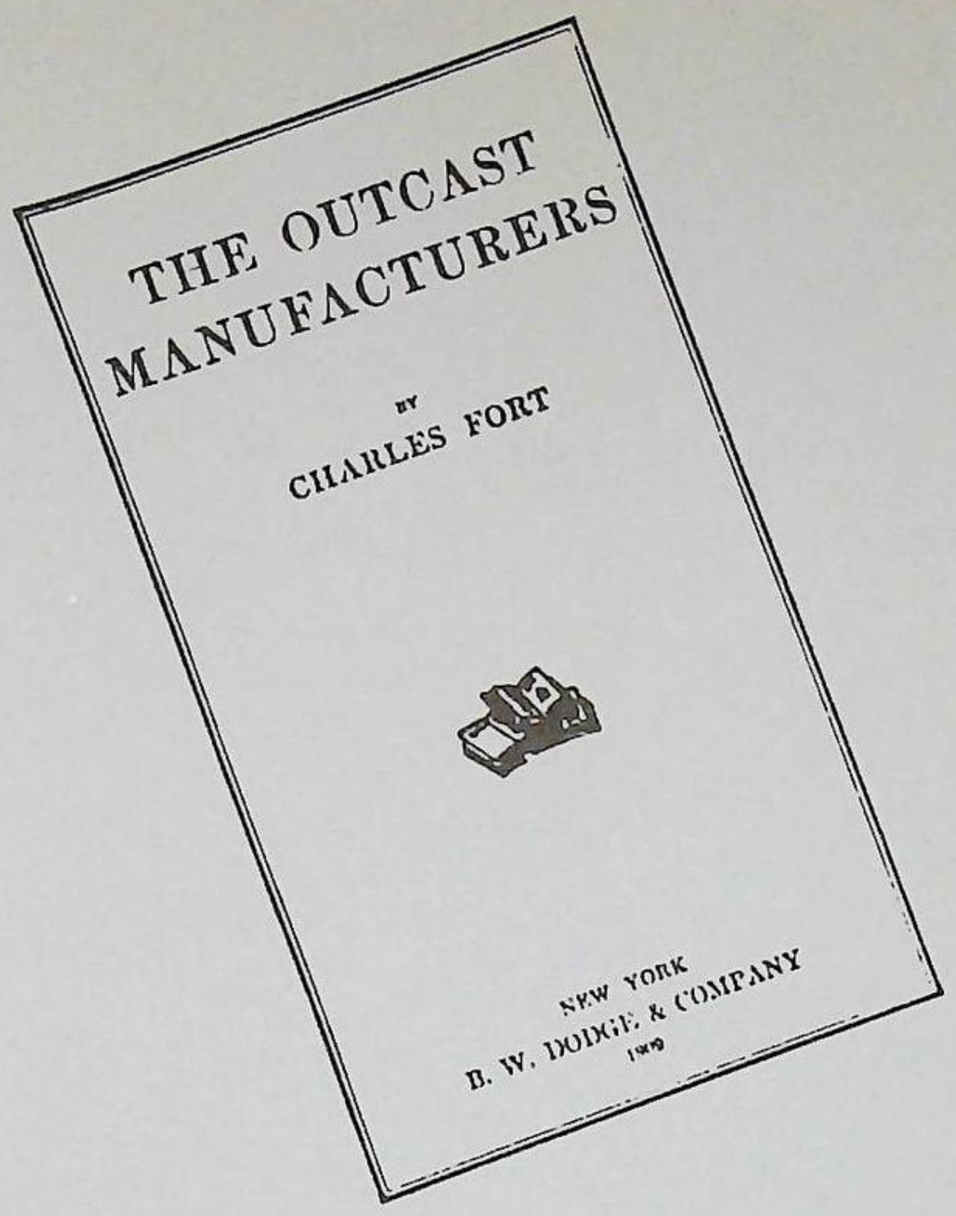

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Sincerely,*

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Dear Members,

As Charles Fort once said, "There will be data," hence the purpose of this letter, which is to bring you up to date on some new and exciting changes within the organization.

On May 15, 1993, the INFO Board of Directors elected Michael T. Shoemaker Editor-in-Chief of *The INFO Journal*. The board has felt for some time that the journal was neglecting many important aspects of forteana and seemed to be following the path of censorship and dogmatism that CSICOP so often espouses. The solution was obvious, a journal that would cover a wider variety of anomalous phenomena and Fortean philosophy.

In an effort to expand the Fortean network of data, our new editor is increasing the international scope of the magazine and introducing writers and topics long absent from the journal. Already scheduled are major articles in the fields of cryptozoology, UFOs and geology; the low-down on the famous Money Pit; and remarkable discoveries of material by and about Charles Fort, uncovered by the tireless efforts of Mr. X. Upcoming issues will also showcase numerous correspondents from around the world, will keep you informed on the whole range of current Fortean publications, and will include columns by veteran Fortean sages John Michell and John Keel.

Our new journal boasts a staff that has many years experience writing and producing magazines in the field of forteana. Shoemaker is an editor by profession, writer Phyllis Benjamin is also a freelance writer and former art director, and Donal Buchanan is the computer whiz who trained our former production manager. Other parts of the INFO operation continue unimpeded by recent events. Al Rosenzweig, INFO's longtime treasurer, continues as coauthor of Phyllis's Nous column and takes on the editorship of the clips department. Mike Frizzell and Dave Singer continue to provide INFO with professional-level audio and video taping services. Walt Gavenda, a veteran Fortean recently re-elected to the board, is our new book review editor.

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Help keep the Fortean window open. Resubscribe, keep sending in data, and join us again this November for an incredible weekend of anomalous phenomena and Fortean fellowship. The universe of Fortean phenomena is always expanding; let's broaden our horizons together.

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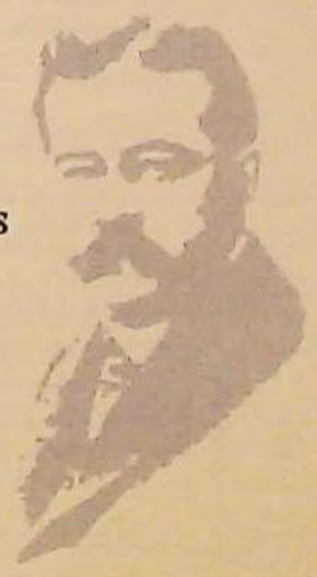

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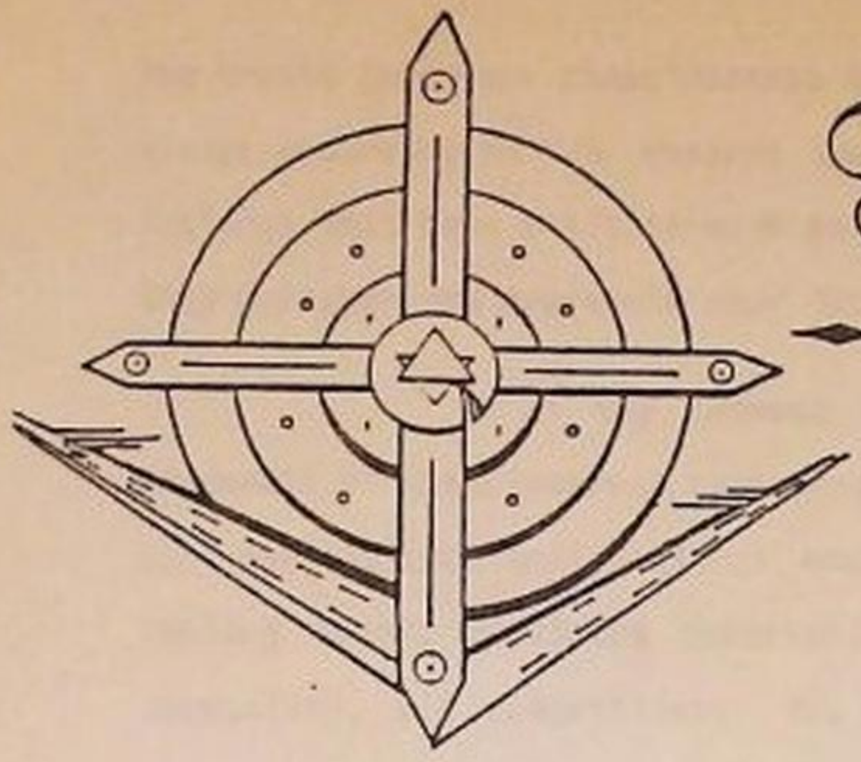

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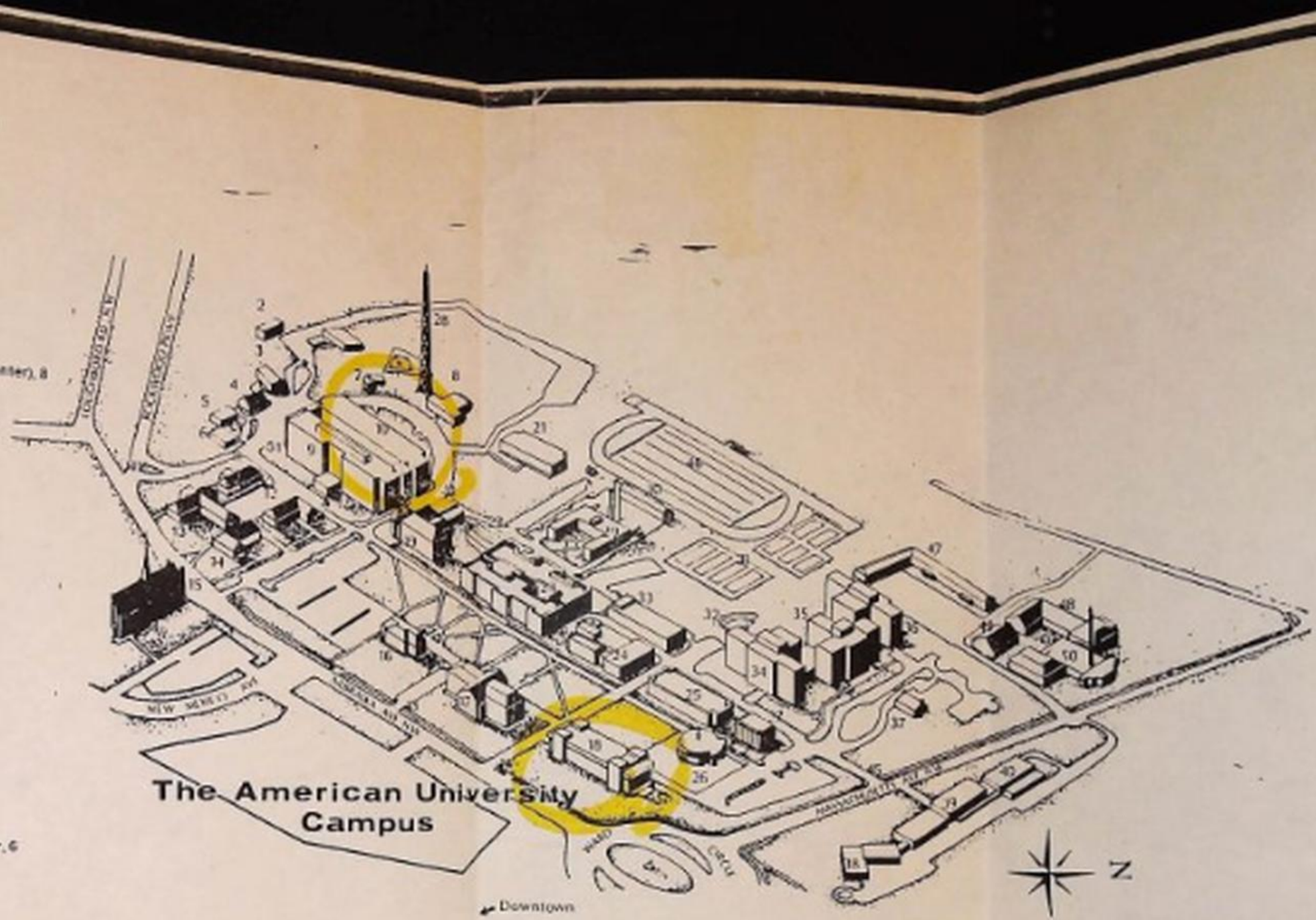

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